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	Jane J Rhee		1772	
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 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2,5-10. 3. The drawings filed on 03 October 2001 are accepted by the Examiner. 				
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority una) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:	der 35 U.S.C. §			
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* Certified copies not received: 5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application). (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received. 6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.				
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE				
7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.				
 8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted. (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsper 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No 	erson's Patent D	rawing Review (PTO	-948) attached	
(b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed, which has been approved by the Examiner.				
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.				
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 1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 3 ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5 ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. 7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material 		4⊠ Interview Summ 6⊠ Examiner's Ame	al Patent Application (Pinary (PTO-413), Paper Nandment/Comment ement of Reasons for A	lo

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Franzini on March 19,2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 12, the phrase "the bellows are not integrally connected" has been deleted and inserted-said bellows has corners between adjacent sides of the bellows and the corners are formed by a web of flexible material which is affixed to each of the sides, wherein at least some of the web sections and adjacent wall sections are connected by a bead-in-slot connection--,

Claim 5, line 1 the phrase "claim 4" has been replaced with --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1 the phrase "claim 4" has been replaced with --claim 1--.

Claims 3,4, and 11 has been cancelled.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach or suggest the improvement wherein each of the panel includes a plurality of relatively rigid wall sections are spaced apart by a plurality of web sections which relative to the wall sections are flexible, wherein each of the web section is integrally molded with a longitudinal edge of at least one wall section and wherein at least two adjacent sides of the bellows has corners between adjacent sides of the bellows and the

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corners are formed by a web of flexible material which is affixed to each of the sides, and wherein at least some of the web sections and adjacent wall sections are connected by a bead-in-slot connection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jane J Rhee whose telephone number is 571-272-1499.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Ahmad can be reached on 571-272-1487. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and none for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

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March 21, 2004

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